



The North Carolina Outdoor Learning Environments Alliance

is a statewide collaborative initiated by the NC Office of School Readiness and the NC Partnership for Children.

It is comprised of organizations, agencies, and individuals focused on improving the quality of outdoor environments for all children.

contact information:

Jani Kozlowski
The North Carolina
Partnership for Children
919-821-9581
JKozlowski@ncsmartstart.org

Janet McGinnis
The North Carolina Office of
School Readiness
919-981-5408
Janet.McGinnis@ncmail.net

Mission Statement:

“To improve the quality of outdoor environments and experiences for all children throughout the state.”

Outdoor Learning Environments Alliance Goals:

1. Establish an arena for collaboration among organizations working in early care and education to:
 - Share information across systems
 - Identify strengths, needs, and barriers related to outdoor play and learning
 - Set long term and short term goals to improve outdoor learning environments for children.
2. Advocate for higher value placed on outdoor play and learning and development of high quality outdoor learning environments.
3. Offer input to state and local agencies on policy development and identified needs for policy change related to outdoor learning environments.
4. Provide guidance for development of a strategic technical assistance plan for early care and education professionals.
5. Provide guidance for use of funds and seek additional funding for activities to address identified goals (projects, initiatives, publications).
6. Identify existing sites and develop additional sites statewide to demonstrate high quality outdoor play and learning through programming and physical design incorporating principles of universal access.